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1. IN ADDITION TO ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE MESSAGES TRANSMITTED IN ANKARA 0997, PROGRAM FOR CLIFFORD MISSION'S VISIT TO TURKEY (REFTEL A) INVOLVES THREE OCCASIONS REQUIRING STATEMENTS: (1) VISIT TO ATTATURK'S MAUSOLEUM, WHERE SECTY CLIFFORD WILL BE EXPECTED TO WRITE AN INSCRIPTION IN THE VISITORS' BOOK; (2) PRIMIN'S LUNCHEON FEB 21, WHERE TOASTS WILL BE EXCHANGED; (3) FONMIN'S DINNER FEB 21, WITH ANOTHER EXCHANGE OF TOASTS. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS:

A. INSCRIPTION IN VISITORS' BOOK AT MAUSELEUM:
"WITH ADMIRATION AND DEEP RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK, WHOSE LEADERSHIP REKINDLED THE SPIRIT OF A GREAT NATION."

B. TOAST AT PRIMIN'S LUNCHEON:
THIRTY YEARS MAY SEEM A LONGER TIME TO AN AMERICAN THAN TO A TURK, WHOSE HISTORY COVERS MANY MORE CENTURIES. BUT BOTH AMERICANS AND TURKS CAN AGREE THAT THE PAST THIRTY YEARS OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP HAVE BEEN AN EXTRA-
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ORDINARY PERIOD OF ACHIEVEMENT. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT PERIOD, AND NOW IT IS MY PRIVILEGE, AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, TO REVIEW WITH YOU OUR RELATIONSHIP. IN OUR TALKS DURING MY VISIT HERE, WE NATURALLY MUST FOCUS ON THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. BUT IT IS FITTING THAT WE ALSO CONSIDER OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHICH RISE FAR ABOVE OUR PROBLEMS.

FOR THIRY YEARS OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN A STRONG FACTOR IN PREVENTING THE CATASTROPHE OF A GENERAL WAR. IT HAS HELPED STOP SOVIET EXPANSIONISM. IT HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO STABILITY IN THIS REGION AND IN THE WORLD. IT HAS HELPED ENABLE OUR OWN COUNTRIES TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND TO PROSPER. I AM PROUD OF MY OWN COUNTRY'S PART IN THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND I PAY TRIBUTE TO TURKEY FOR ITS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THESE THIRTY YEARS. TURKEY'S DEMOCRACY HAS DEVELOPED AND HAS OVERCOME SETBACKS. TURKEY'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED AND TODAY IS GROWING AT AN ENVIABLE RATE. TURKEY'S ARMED FORCES ARE AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. TURKEY IS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

IT IS WITH THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IN MIND -- AND WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT OUR FUTURE COOPERATION WILL LEAD TO FURTHER GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- THAT I AM PROUD TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY'S GREAT ALLY, THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

M. TOAST AT FONMIN'S DINNER:

THE TURKISH NATION HAS A GREAT HISTORY -- ONE THAT IS RECORDED OVER MANY CENTURIES. IT IS A HISTORY YOU ARE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF. THE LATEST CHAPTER OF THAT HISTORY -- THE 53 YEARS OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC -- IS TO ME ONE OF THE TRULY INSPIRING STORIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY. FROM THE RUINS OF AN EMPIRE YOU FORMED A MODERN STATE -- A STATE

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OF FREE MEN AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. IT IS A STATE WHICH WE ARE PROUD TO BE ALLIED WITH.

OUR ALLIANCE IS NOT AN OLD ONE. IT WAS ONLY 30 YEARS AGO THAT I, AS AN AIDE TO THE LATE PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULATION OF THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BASIS FOR THE STRONG SECURITY RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS SERVED OUR COUNTRIES SO WELL SINCE THAT TIME. DESPITE THAT EARLY ASSOCIATION, I HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR PEOPLE. IT IS, THEREFORE, A RARE PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, TO COME TO ANKARA TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE STATE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP. I HOPE THAT AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY AND TOMORROW WE WILL FIND WAYS OF SMOOTHING OVER THE ROUGH SPOTS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED IN OUR RELATIONSHIP DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER NATION WANTS OR CAN AFFORD TO ALLOW THESE IRRITANTS TO CONTINUE TO WEAKEN OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THE

CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS FORMULATION.

AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY, I AM CONVINCED
THAT YOU ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO RESTRENGTHENING THAT RELATION-
SHIP. FOR THAT REASON, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS TOAST TO A
REVITALIZED TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP IS NOT
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